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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Walter Sebald

Application No.: 09/913,467

Filed: December 11, 2001

For: POLYPEPTIDE VARIANTS WITH
INCREASED HEPARIN-BINDING
ABILITY

Customer No.: 20350

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Examiner: Janet L. Andres

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Sir:

This reply is filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed June 17, 2005.

The original deadline for response was September 17, 2005. A one-month petition for extension of time is enclosed, thus extending the time for response to October 17, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. A Request for Continued Examination accompanies this response.

Please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.